

BOARD OF SELECTMEN
Monday, January 24, 2005
Town Hall – Meeting Hall

1. CALL TO ORDER:

First Selectman Dennis Milanovich called the Meeting of the Board of Selectmen (BOS) to order at 7:35 p.m.

SELECTMEN PRESENT: Peter Charter, Dennis Frawley, Mark Leighton, Dennis Milanovich, A. Leo Miller, Michael Stupinski and Nancy Way

OTHERS PRESENT: Finance Officer: N. DiCorleto; DPW Director. P. Michaud; Director of Recreation: R. Tedford; BOF: R. Clements; EVFD: Chief Varney, V. Gambacorta; EVAC: J. Streiber, P. Hany, C. Sandberg; BOE: Dr. Packman, A. Littizzio, G. Blanchette, D. Roberson

1. CALL TO ORDER:

Mr. Milanovich called the Meeting of the Board of Selectmen (BOS) to order at 7:30 p.m.

MOVED (FRAWLEY), SECONDED (MILLER) AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO ADD THE FOLLOWING ITEMS TO THE AGENDA: Item 4, *RESIGNATION OF RICHARD KALVA, ZONING ENFORCEMENT OFFICER*, Item 5, *SET PUBLIC HEARING – NEW PROPOSED ORDINANCE*, Item 6, *WAGE AND CLASSIFICATION STUDY*, Item 7, *APPROVAL OF REVISED JOB DESCRIPTION FOR SENIOR CENTER DIRECTOR* AND Item 8, *APPROVAL OF REVISED JOB DESCRIPTION FOR DIRECTOR OF YOUTH SERVICES*.

2. CITIZEN'S FORUM: None.

3. CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS RECOMMENDATIONS 2005-06:

Mr. Frawley, Chairman of the Capital Improvement Committee (CIC), reviewed the recommendations of the CIC as illustrated on the **attached** table, column entitled *APPROVED BOS CAP IMP COM PROJECTS 2005-06*. Mr. Frawley pointed out that the CIC adhered to the severe restriction of a 1% increase as directed by the Board of Finance (BOF).

Mr. Stupinski stated that he understands the constraints but asked the BOS to consider including the intersection preemption system as the \$24,000 requested will complete the project.

MOVED (CHARTER), SECONDED (MILLER) TO ADD \$24,000 IN THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS BUDGET FOR EVFD INTERSECTION PREEMPTION SYSTEM.

Discussion:

Mr. Milanovich asked if the BOS was going to cut an item to make up for the additions in order to stay within the guidelines. The BOS responded no. Mr. Milanovich stated that then the BOF will prioritize the projects and cut the budget as they see fit.

Vote on this motion was postponed to later in the meeting.

John Streiber came forward. He distributed updated prices for his capital improvement requests which he indicated are reimbursable through the EVAC charging fund. Some members questioned if the uniforms and landscaping project were appropriate expenditure for the charging fund.

Mr. Streiber explained the need to purchase a training/non-transport emergency response vehicle for \$50,000. He stated that it will be used to transport members to classes, used as a back up, needed to haul a trailer in the event of a mass emergency response and used by the Explorer Post at football games. The vehicle will be stored outside the EVAC facility. Mr. Streiber briefly reviewed the need for laptop computers.

The BOS felt that the new ambulance and the training/non-transport emergency response vehicle fall under the intended use of the charging fund but was not convinced the vehicle was needed.

MOVED (FRAWLEY), SECONDED (CHARTER) AND PASSED [FRAWLEY/CHARTER WAY/STUPINSKI/LEIGHTON/MILLER IN FAVOR; MILANOVICH OPPOSED] TO INCLUDE \$21,000 IN THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS BUDGET FOR EVAC LAPTOP COMPUTERS.

Mr. Michaud reviewed his memo dated January 24, 2005 re: High School Athletic Fields projects, noting that the ADA requirements are mandated by the State. Mr. Milanovich suggested including the expenditures as an additional bond request for the High School expansion project. Mr. Michaud pointed out that the State will withhold the reimbursable funds until this work is done and if the project is bonded it could take 1-2 years.

Bob Clements stated that he has reviewed this request as a Permanent Building Committee member, Liaison to the Board of Education and as a BOF member and supports including the project as a Capital Improvement request, as opposed to bonding the project, in order to finish the project and receive the State reimbursable funds.

MOVED (STUPINSKI), SECONDED (LEIGHTON) AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO ADD \$143,862 IN THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS BUDGET TO COMPLETE THE WORK ON HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC FIELDS PROJECT AS DESCRIBED IN PETE MICHAUD'S MEMO DATED JANUARY 24, 2005.

Mr. Michaud requested the following allocation under ROAD CONSTRUCTION in the Capital Improvements requests: \$100,000 – Unimproved Road Improvements; \$238,038 – Road Overlay. The BOS agreed.

Vote on tabled motion to add \$24,000 in the Capital Improvements budget for EVFD intersection preemption system: ALL IN FAVOR.

MOVED (FRAWLEY), SECONDED (CHARTER) AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO RECOMMEND TO THE BOARD OF FINANCE A FINAL CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS BUDGET FOR 2005-06, AS SUBMITTED BY THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS COMMITTEE, AS MODIFIED BY RECOMMENDED CHANGES, A TOTAL NET AMOUNT OF \$928,250.

4. Resignation – Richard Kalva, Zoning Enforcement Officer:

MOVED (FRAWLEY), SECONDED (CHARTER), AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO ACCEPT, WITH REGRET, THE RESIGNATION OF RICHARD KALVA, ZONING ENFORCEMENT OFFICER, EFFECTIVE FEBRUARY 3, 2005.

5. Set Public Hearing – New Proposed Ordinance:

MOVED (FRAWLEY), SECONDED (CHARTER), AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO HOLD A PUBLIC HEARING ON MONDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 2005 AT 7:15 P.M. TO ALLOW CITIZENS TO COMMENT ON THE PROPOSED NEW ORDINANCE TO ADOPT "PART I, ORDINANCES" OF THE *CODE OF THE TOWN OF ELLINGTON*.

6. Wage and Classification Study:

MOVED (FRAWLEY), SECONDED (CHARTER) TO WAIVE THE REGULAR BIDDING PROCESS AND TO ENGAGE THE SERVICES OF WILLIAM SWORDS OF PERSONNEL MANAGEMENT ASSOCIATES OF CT, INC. TO CONDUCT A WAGE AND CLASSIFICATION STUDY AT A COST NOT TO EXCEED \$15,000.

Mr. Charter questioned how the study would be funded. Mr. DiCorleto suggested charging the Town Attorney Account as the findings of the study will need to be negotiated by the Union. Mr. Leighton suggested revising the motion to reflect the funding source. Mr. Milanovich disagreed, noting other resources may be available.

VOTE: FRAWLEY/CHARTER/WAY/STUPINSKI/MILANOVICH IN FAVOR;
LEIGHTON OPPOSED; MOTION PASSED.

Mr. Leighton was opposed because the source of funding was not identified.

7. Approval of Revised Job Description for Senior Center Director:

Mr. Milanovich stated that he met with the Union today regarding the revisions the BOS made to the Senior Center Director and Youth Services Director's job description at the November 15, 2004 meeting. Further revisions were added under Essential Functions to both positions and the qualifications were changed for the Senior Center Director. The Union approved a draft copy.

MOVED (FRAWLEY), SECONDED (MILLER), AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO APPROVE THE REVISED JOB DESCRIPTION FOR SENIOR CENTER DIRECTOR, AS SUBMITTED AND PENDING FORMAL UNION CONCURRENCE.

8. Approval of Revised Job Description for Youth Services Director:

MOVED (FRAWLEY), SECONDED (MILLER), AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO APPROVE THE REVISED JOB DESCRIPTION FOR YOUTH SERVICES DIRECTOR, AS SUBMITTED AND PENDING FORMAL UNION CONCURRENCE.

9. ADJOURNMENT:

MOVED (CHARTER), SECONDED (FRAWLEY) AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO ADJOURN THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN AT 9:26 P.M.

Submitted by _____ Approved by _____